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SUBJ: TAKING OF DEPOSITIONS IN NORWAY

REF: DRY/OL'LEARY TELECON 2/17/78

1. COUNSELLOR MS. AASLUND, 3RD LEGAL DIVISION, MFA, HAS ADVISED THAT WE MAY INVOKE ARTICLE 16(A) OF HAGUE CONVENTION TO RECEIVE PERMISSION ON ONE TIME BASIS TO TAKE DEPOSITION OF NORWEGIAN NATIONAL. SHE ADVISED THAT THIS REQUEST MAY TAKE SOME TIME AS MINISTRY OF JUSTICE HAS NEVER RECEIVED SUCH A REQUEST AND GROUND RULES WOULD HAVE TO BE ESTABLISHED BEFORE DECISION MADE. SHE SUGGESTS USE OF LETTER OF REQUEST METHOD AS PROVIDED IN CONVENTION.

2. ON AASUND'S SUGGESTION, WE CONTACTED MR. SMITH-MEYER AT MINISTRY OF JUSTICE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED IN ORDER TO FACILITATE MINISTRY IN THEIR DECISION. HE ADVISED THAT THE MINISTRY MUST HAVE THE NAME(S) AND NATIONALITY OF THE PERSON(S) TO BE INTERROGATED; SUBSTANCE OF COURT CASE; REASON WHY NORWEGIAN COURT CANNOT TAKE DEPOSITION, AND NECESSITY FOR AMERICAN OFFICIAL TO PERFORM THIS FUNCTION. HE REITERATED AASLUND'S REMARKS CONCERNING TIME ELEMENT INVOLVED IN ARRIVING AT DECISION SINCE MINISTRY HAS NEVER RECEIVED A REQUEST OF THIS TYPE FROM ANY OTHER SIGNATORY TO CONVENTION.

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3. COMMENT: IT APPEARS FROM THE ABOVE THAT IF TIMING IS FACTOR IN THIS CASE THE REQUEST UNDER ARTICLE 16(A) MAY BE TIME CONSUMING WITH POSSIBILITY OF AN UNFAVORABLE DECISION. LERNER

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